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Sent: Monday, April 27, 2020 10:03 AM

To: Max Meyers

Subject: RE: Fitzgerald/McNae: Status

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Subject: RE: Fitzgerald/McNae: Status

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From: Peter E. Berlowe < PEB@AssoulineBerlowe.com>

Sent: Wednesday, May 13, 2020 10:28 AM

To: Max Meyers

Subject: RE: Fitzgerald/McNae: Status

Max:

This is good to hear. I will try and get to this today. I have three federal evidentiary hearings (by Zoom, which I have never done) over the next 10 days, so my time is tight.

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Hi Peter,

Yes, I literally was just starting to write you.

The McNae's are agreeable to removing the liquidated damages clause.

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They agree to the NDA limits but reserve final acceptance of the settlement until the final settlement agreement language is worked out. Mrs. McNae wants to be very clear that she is allowed to share her story for personal and educational purposes with the understanding she cannot refer to your client's name, likeness, being, nationality, country of citizenship, location of residence, employer, job function, job title, profession, or reference to dates, locations, or other persons present.

It appears we have the outline of an agreement. Please send over the draft settlement agreement for review if you have it ready.

Thank you,

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Max:

Any follow up to the email below?

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Max:

Liquidated Damages provisions are specifically not penalties. If they are a penalty, they are unenforceable. Liquidated damages are intended to be a fair measure of the damages likely to be caused by a breach of the agreement. Here, the damages to Mr. Fitzgerald of Ms. McNae violating the non-disclosure would cost Mr. Fitzgerald far more than \$250,000.00, and was really intended to avoid having to put on evidence of actual damages in a suit for breach of the agreement. If that is going to be what your client prefers, we do not have to have any liquidated damages provision, and my client will prove up his damages and your clients will be far worse off if they breach. If they are agreeable to an open ended damage as a result of their breach, we can live with that.

My client is agreeable to your client speaking generically about a life event, but she cannot refer to my client's name, likeness, being, nationality, country of citizenship, location of residence, employer, job function, job title, profession, or reference to dates, locations, or other persons present (for instance, Ms. McNae can't name 6 people at an event, plus and unnamed person, so that the six people will know who the unnamed person is by process of elimination). Let me know if your clients can live with this.

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Peter,

It appears we will not be able to reach agreement if Mr. Fitzgerald insists on a very large liquidated damages clause.

The McNae's are willing raise the liquidated damages clause regarding the NDA to \$10,000, 10% of the total settlement is a common penalty clause for an NDA. Additionally, the McNae's will maintain the ability to speak generically about life event without naming names, location, or exact date of incidents. They will not be removing their internet posts about incident unless Mr. Fitzgerald is named specifically. This is their best and final offer regarding these terms.

Otherwise, no deal and they will pursue other means of resolving the matter.

Regards,

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Max:

In response to your settlement email below, we will need to make the following changes:

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- 2. If it is going to be a lump sum, we need to make the pay by date June 15, 2020, as Mr. Fitzgerald will have to liquidate and transfer some assets out of a retirement account.
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breach. Moreover, this should not matter to them if they don't intend to breach. \$250,000 liquidated damage if the McNae's breach is the lowest Mr. Fitzgerald will consider, and it must be joint and several. If one breaches, they both breach. Liquidated damage to be enforced by later suit for damages if necessary. The McNaes do not need to return the settlement funds received if they breach. If the McNaes generate income off their breach of the agreement, all funds earned of their breach of the agreement shall be property of Mr. Fitzgerald, and subject to a damages claim to be enforced by later suit for damages in addition to the liquidated damages.

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From: Peter E. Berlowe < PEB@AssoulineBerlowe.com>

Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2020 11:32 AM

To: Max Meyers

Subject: Fitzgerald/McNae: Draft Settlement Agreement

Attachments: 00292115.DOCX

Max:

Attached please find a first draft of the settlement agreement based upon our email discussions. Please let me know if you have any proposed edits.

Sincerely,

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Confidential Settlement Agreement

| THIS | SETTLEMENT | AGREEMEN | Γ (the | "Settlement | Agreement" | or | the |
|------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|-------|-------|
| "Agreement") | is made and entere | d this da | y of June | 2020, by and | d among MIC | HAE | EL J. |
| FITZGERALI | O ("Fitzgerald"), RC | NDA MCNAE | ("Ronda" | ') and WILL | MCNAE ("W | ill") | with |
| Ronda and W | ill collectively refe | erred to as the | "McNaes | ," and Fitzge | rald, Ronda, | and | Will |
| collectively ret | ferred to as the "Par | ties"; | | | | | |

RECITALS

WHEREAS, Ronda and Will are a married couple;

WHEREAS, Fitzgerald is a single male;

WHEREAS, Ronda and Fitzgerald engaged in extra-marital relations in Miami-Dade County, Florida that the McNaes contend were detrimental to the marriage of Ronda and Will;

WHEREAS, the McNaes contend that Fitzgerald caused physical and mental anguish to them as a result of the extra-marital relations between Ronda and Fitzgerald;

WHEREAS, for purposes of avoiding the time and costly expenses associated with litigation, and in the interest of economic expediency, the Parties desire to reach a settlement of all claims between themselves; and,

WHEREAS, the parties wish to resolve all disputes between and among them;

NOW THEREFORE in consideration of the mutual covenants and promises contained herein, and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, the Parties agree to be legally bound by the following terms and conditions, which constitute full settlement of any and all disputes between them.

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- 2. NO ADMISSION OF LIABILITY. The Parties agree to amicably settle all disputes between and among them. The Parties understand that this Agreement is in full and complete compromise of all disputed claims, both as to questions of liability and damages, including any claims for punitive damages, without an admission of liability or any wrongdoing by any of the Parties, any such liability or wrongdoing being expressly denied by each of the Parties.
- **3. CONSIDERATION.** In consideration of the execution of this Agreement and the promises herein contained, the Parties agree to the following:

| A. | Payment of Settlement Funds. | On | or | before | June | 15, | 2020, |
|----------------------|-----------------------------------|--------|-------|---------|----------|-------|---------|
| Fitzgerald agrees to | remit payment in the amount of On | e-Hund | red S | Seven T | Chousand | Dolla | ırs and |

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| Will's Initials: | Ronda's Initials: | Fitzgerald's Initials: |
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| | | MCNAE 000060 |

00/100 cents (\$107,000.00) to the McNaes (the "Settlement Funds"). The Settlement Funds shall be remitted by wire to the Max Meyers Law PLLC Trust Account with the following wiring instructions:

[INSERT MAX MEYERS LAW PLLC TRUST ACCOUNT WIRE INTRUCTIONS HERE (ABA ROUTING # AND ACCOUNT #)]

- **4. NON-MONETARY TERMS.** The Parties agree to the following non-monetary terms:
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- D. The Parties agree to minimize contact upon execution of this Agreement, and they agree to limit such contact as to be only such contact necessary to enforce the terms of this Agreement, with such contact preferably being by the Parties' respective attorneys.
- **5. REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES.** In making and executing this Agreement, the Parties represent, warrant and agree as follows:
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 - B. The Parties have made such investigation of all matters pertaining to this Agreement as they deem necessary, and do not rely on any statement, promise or representation by the other Parties hereto with respect to this matter.
- 6. NO CHALLENGE TO SETTLEMENT. The Parties agree that they will take no action, including, but not limited to the institution of a lawsuit or administrative claim, to challenge any provision of this Agreement or regarding the original matter in controversy.

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- 7. NO ADMISSION. Neither the negotiation nor the execution of this Agreement, nor any of its provisions, are to be construed as an admission by any of the Parties hereto, nor by their respective attorneys, or trustee regarding the truth of any matter alleged relating to the matter of controversy.
- **8. INTEGRATION.** This Agreement constitutes a single, integrated written contract expressing the entire Agreement between the parties. There are no other Agreements, written or oral, expressed or implied, between the parties, except as set forth in this Agreement.
- 9. **SEVERABILITY.** Should any part, term or provision of this Agreement be decided by the courts to be illegal, unenforceable or in conflict with any state or federal law or any other applicable law, the validity and enforceability of the remaining portions of this Agreement shall not be affected thereby.
- 10. DOCUMENT PREPARATION. If it becomes necessary for any reason to construe this Agreement as permitted by the Rules of Evidence of the State of Florida, this Agreement will be construed as being jointly prepared and written. The Parties agree that the terms and conditions contained herein have been negotiated, renegotiated and considered several times by the parties. The fact that one party or the other prepared the actual final draft of this Agreement shall not be construed as having created any ambiguity. Should it become reasonably necessary for the parties to prepare additional documents to carry out the intent of this Agreement, each Party agrees to cooperate in the preparation, execution and delivery of same.
- 11. BINDING EFFECT. This Agreement shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the parties, and their respective successors, heirs, personal representatives and assigns.
- 12. NO WAIVER. No waiver of any breach of any term or provision of this Agreement shall be construed to be, nor shall be, a waiver of any other breach of this Agreement. No waiver shall be binding unless in writing and signed by the party waiving the breach.
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to any other person, corporation or other legal entity.

- 14. GOVERNING LAW. This Agreement shall be deemed to be made and entered into in the State of Florida, and shall in all respects be interpreted, enforced and governed under the laws of Florida, without giving effect to the conflict of laws principals of Florida law. The Parties agree that venue for any litigation brought to enforce this Agreement shall lie exclusively in any court of competent jurisdiction in Miami-Dade County, Florida.
- 15. **EXECUTION.** This Agreement may be made effective by means of facsimile signatures executed on several identical counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, but all of which together shall constitute one and the same instrument.
- 16. CONFIDENTIALITY. The Parties warrant that they have not and will not disclose, communicate, disseminate and/or publicize, or cause or permit to be disclosed, communicated, disseminated or publicized the existence of or terms and conditions of this Agreement to any person, business, organization, corporation, association, governmental agency, except as follows: (1) to the extent necessary to report income to appropriate taxing authorities; (2) to their respective attorneys and accountants; (3) in response to requirements of law or a subpoena issued by a state or federal court or governmental agency, provided, however, that notice of receipt of such judicial order or subpoena immediately be communicated to counsel for the opposing party telephonically. The McNaes further acknowledge and agree that this provision is a material inducement to the Fitzgerald's agreement to pay the Settlement Funds. Therefore, the McNaes agree and acknowledge that any violation of this section or disclosure of any of the terms of the Settlement Agreement beyond the exceptions identified above in this section shall constitute a material breach of this Agreement.
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- **22. ENTIRE AGREEMENT.** This Agreement sets forth the entire agreement between the Parties hereto, and fully supersedes any and all prior agreements or understandings between the Parties hereto pertaining to the subject matter hereof.
- 23. ATTORNEYS' FEES. In connection with any litigation arising out of this Agreement or in any way related to this Agreement, the prevailing party shall be entitled to recover all costs incurred including, but not limited to, its reasonable attorneys' fees at any level (trial, appeal, bankruptcy, administrative), including fees spent in litigation over entitlement or amount of such fees.
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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Agreement has been executed by the Parties as of the Effective Date.

| Will McNae | Date | Ronda McNae | Date |
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| Michael Fitzgerald Allan D. Lederman, Trustee | Date | | |

Max Meyers

From: Max Meyers

Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 4:59 PM

To: Peter E. Berlowe

Subject: RE: Fitzgerald/McNae: Draft Settlement Agreement

Attachments: Settlement Agreement - Draft #2.DOCX

Hi Peter:

Attached is the settlement agreement with some revisions. The changes were made mostly for tax purposes.

Thank you,

Max

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Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2020 11:32 AM **To:** Max Meyers <max@maxmeyerslaw.com>

Subject: Fitzgerald/McNae: Draft Settlement Agreement

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Confidential Settlement Agreement

| THIS | SETTLEMENT | AGREEMEN | T (the | "Settlement | Agreement" | or | the |
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| "Agreement") | is made and entere | d this da | ay of June | e 2020, by an | d among MIC | HAE | EL J. |
| FITZGERALI | O ("Fitzgerald"), RC | ONDA MCNAE | ("Ronda | ") and WILL | MCNAE ("W | ill") | with |
| Ronda and W | ill collectively refe | erred to as the | "McNaes | ," and Fitzge | rald, Ronda, | and | Will |
| collectively re- | ferred to as the "Part | ties"; | | | | | |

RECITALS

WHEREAS, Ronda and Will are a married couple;

WHEREAS, Fitzgerald is a single male;

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WHEREAS, Ronda and Fitzgerald engaged in extra-marital relations in Miami-Dade County, Florida that the McNaes contend were detrimental to the marriage of Ronda and Will;

WHEREAS, the McNaes contend that Fitzgerald caused physical <u>injury</u> and mental <u>injury</u> anguish to them as a result of <u>Fitzgerald's sexual conduct towards Ronda the extra-marital relations</u> between Ronda and Fitzgerald;

WHEREAS, for purposes of avoiding the time and costly expenses associated with litigation, and in the interest of economic expediency, the Parties desire to reach a settlement of all claims between themselves; and,

WHEREAS, the parties wish to resolve all disputes between and among them;

NOW THEREFORE in consideration of the mutual covenants and promises contained herein, and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, the Parties agree to be legally bound by the following terms and conditions, which constitute full settlement of any and all disputes between them.

- 1. **RECITALS.** The Parties acknowledge that the "WHEREAS" clauses preceding paragraph 1 are true and correct, and are incorporated herein as material parts of this Agreement.
- 2. NO ADMISSION OF LIABILITY. The Parties agree to amicably settle all disputes between and among them. The Parties understand that this Agreement is in full and complete compromise of all disputed claims, both as to questions of liability and damages, including any claims for punitive damages, without an admission of liability or any wrongdoing by any of the Parties, any such liability or wrongdoing being expressly denied by each of the Parties.
- **3. CONSIDERATION.** In consideration of the execution of this Agreement and the promises herein contained, the Parties agree to the following:

| A. | Payment of Settlement Funds. | On | or | before | June | 15, | 2020, |
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Fitzgerald agrees to remit payment in the amount of Ninety-Seven One-Hundred Seven Thousand Dollars and 00/100 cents (\$1097,000.00) to the Ronda McNaes and remit payment in the amount of Ten Thousand Dollars and 00/100 cents to Will McNae (the "Settlement Funds"). The settlement funds to Ronda McNae are paid in consideration of the physical and mental injuries she claims, and the settlement funds to Will McNae are in consideration of his loss of consortium claims due to the physical and mental injuries suffered by his wife Ronda. The Settlement Funds shall be remitted by wire to the Max Meyers Law PLLC Trust Account with the following wiring instructions:

[INSERT MAX MEYERS LAW PLLC TRUST ACCOUNT WIRE INTRUCTIONS HERE (ABA ROUTING # AND ACCOUNT #)]

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Agreement has been executed by the Parties as of the Effective Date.

| Will McNae | Date | Ronda McNae | Date |
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| Michael Fitzgerald | Date | | |
| Allan D. Lederman, Trustee | | | |
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Max Meyers

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Sent: Friday, June 5, 2020 11:58 AM

To: Max Meyers

Subject: RE: Fitzgerald/McNae: Draft Settlement Agreement

Attachments: 00292908.DOCX

Importance: High

Max:

I accepted most of your edits and changes, but made a few more in the attached draft. I still need you to add in the wiring instructions for your trust account. What I did was accept your changes where I could, and my new additions should show up in light blue.

I am recovering from emergency gallbladder removal surgery, so I may be a little slow to respond.

Sincerely,

Peter E. Berlowe, Esq.
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Hi Peter:

Attached is the settlement agreement with some revisions. The changes were made mostly for tax purposes.

Thank you,

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| THIS | SETTLEMENT | AGREEME | ENT | (the | "Settlement | Agreen | nent" | or | the |
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| "Agreement") | is made and entere | d this | day of | f June | 2020, by an | nd among | g MICI | HAE | L J. |
| FITZGERALI | O ("Fitzgerald"), RO | ONDA MCNA | AE ("R | londa" |) and WILL | MCNAI | E ("Wi | 11") | with |
| Ronda and W | ill collectively refe | erred to as th | ne "Mo | cNaes, | and Fitzg | erald, Ro | onda, a | and | Will |
| collectively re- | ferred to as the "Par | ties"; | | | | | | | |

RECITALS

WHEREAS, Ronda and Will are a married couple;

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WHEREAS, the McNaes contend that Fitzgerald caused physical injury and mental injury to them <u>in Miami-Dade County</u>, <u>Florida</u> as a result of Fitzgerald's <u>alleged</u> sexual conduct towards Ronda;

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- B. The McNaes shall not contact Fitzgerald's employer. If Mr. Fitzgerald's employer contacts either of the McNaes, the McNaes shall respond, "the matter has been resolved and I cannot speak any more about it," or words to that effect.
- C. Notwithstanding the confidentiality provision in Section 16, below, the Parties may continue discuss the matter with their respective mental health professionals, but will advise the mental health professionals of this existence of this Agreement and those mental health professionals must follow this Agreement, as well.
- D. The Parties agree to minimize contact upon execution of this Agreement, and they agree to limit such contact as to be only such contact necessary to enforce the terms of this Agreement, with such contact preferably being by the Parties' respective attorneys.
- **5. REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES.** In making and executing this Agreement, the Parties represent, warrant and agree as follows:
 - A. The Parties have had an opportunity to seek independent legal advice with respect to their rights and asserted rights arising out of the matters in controversy and with respect to the advisability of executing this Agreement.
 - B. The Parties have made such investigation of all matters pertaining to this Agreement as they deem necessary, and do not rely on any statement, promise or representation by the other Parties hereto with respect to this matter.
- 6. NO CHALLENGE TO SETTLEMENT. The Parties agree that they will take no action, including, but not limited to the institution of a lawsuit or administrative claim, to

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challenge any provision of this Agreement or regarding the original matter in controversy.

- 7. **NO ADMISSION.** Neither the negotiation nor the execution of this Agreement, nor any of its provisions, are to be construed as an admission by any of the Parties hereto, nor by their respective attorneys, or trustee regarding the truth of any matter alleged relating to the matter of controversy.
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- 10. DOCUMENT PREPARATION. If it becomes necessary for any reason to construe this Agreement as permitted by the Rules of Evidence of the State of Florida, this Agreement will be construed as being jointly prepared and written. The Parties agree that the terms and conditions contained herein have been negotiated, renegotiated and considered several times by the parties. The fact that one party or the other prepared the actual final draft of this Agreement shall not be construed as having created any ambiguity. Should it become reasonably necessary for the parties to prepare additional documents to carry out the intent of this Agreement, each Party agrees to cooperate in the preparation, execution and delivery of same.
- 11. BINDING EFFECT. This Agreement shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the parties, and their respective successors, heirs, personal representatives and assigns.
- 12. NO WAIVER. No waiver of any breach of any term or provision of this Agreement shall be construed to be, nor shall be, a waiver of any other breach of this Agreement. No waiver shall be binding unless in writing and signed by the party waiving the breach.
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- 14. GOVERNING LAW. This Agreement shall be deemed to be made and entered into in the State of Florida, and shall in all respects be interpreted, enforced and governed under the laws of Florida, without giving effect to the conflict of laws principals of Florida law. The Parties agree that venue for any litigation brought to enforce this Agreement shall lie exclusively in any court of competent jurisdiction in Miami-Dade County, Florida.
- 15. **EXECUTION.** This Agreement may be made effective by means of facsimile signatures executed on several identical counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, but all of which together shall constitute one and the same instrument.
- 16. CONFIDENTIALITY. The Parties warrant that they have not and will not disclose, communicate, disseminate and/or publicize, or cause or permit to be disclosed, communicated, disseminated or publicized the existence of or terms and conditions of this Agreement to any person, business, organization, corporation, association, governmental agency, except as follows: (1) to the extent necessary to report income to appropriate taxing authorities; (2) to their respective attorneys and accountants; (3) in response to requirements of law or a subpoena issued by a state or federal court or governmental agency, provided, however, that notice of receipt of such judicial order or subpoena immediately be communicated to counsel for the opposing party telephonically. The McNaes further acknowledge and agree that this provision is a material inducement to the Fitzgerald's agreement to pay the Settlement Funds. Therefore, the McNaes agree and acknowledge that any violation of this section or disclosure of any of the terms of the Settlement Agreement beyond the exceptions identified above in this section shall constitute a material breach of this Agreement.
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- **22. ENTIRE AGREEMENT.** This Agreement sets forth the entire agreement between the Parties hereto, and fully supersedes any and all prior agreements or understandings between the Parties hereto pertaining to the subject matter hereof.
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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Agreement has been executed by the Parties as of the Effective Date.

| Will McNae | Date | | Ronda McNae | Date |
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| FITZGERALI | D ("Fitzgerald"), RC | ONDA MCNA | AE ("I | Ronda" |) and V | VILL N | MCNAE (| ("Will | ") v | vith |
| Ronda and W | Vill collectively refe | erred to as th | ne "M | cNaes, | " and | Fitzger | ald, Rone | da, an | d V | Will |
| collectively re | ferred to as the "Par | ties"; | | | | | | | | |

RECITALS

WHEREAS, Ronda and Will are a married couple;

WHEREAS, Fitzgerald is a single male;

WHEREAS, the McNaes contend that Fitzgerald caused physical injury and mental injury to them in Miami-Dade County, Florida as a result of Fitzgerald's alleged sexual conduct towards Ronda;

WHEREAS, for purposes of avoiding the time and costly expenses associated with litigation, and in the interest of economic expediency, the Parties desire to reach a settlement of all claims between and among themselves; and,

WHEREAS, the parties wish to resolve all disputes between and among them;

NOW THEREFORE in consideration of the mutual covenants and promises contained herein, and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, the Parties agree to be legally bound by the following terms and conditions, which constitute full settlement of any and all disputes between them.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Agreement has been executed by the Parties as of the Effective Date.

| Ronda McNae | Date | Will McNae | Date |
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| Michael Fitzgerald | Date | | |
| Allan D. Lederman, Trustee | | | |

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From: Max Meyers

Sent: Monday, June 15, 2020 3:50 PM

To: Peter E. Berlowe

Subject: RE: Fitzgerald/McNae: Draft Settlement Agreement

Attachments: Settlement Agreement - Final - signed by McNae's - 6.15.20.pdf

Peter,

Attached is the signed settlement agreement from the McNae's.

Thank you,

Max

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From: Peter E. Berlowe < PEB@AssoulineBerlowe.com>

Sent: Monday, June 15, 2020 1:37 PM

To: Max Meyers <max@maxmeyerslaw.com>

Subject: RE: Fitzgerald/McNae: Draft Settlement Agreement

Max, it will have to be June 19th. I just spoke to my client. The money must be transferred from Switzerland to the U.S., and then from his U.S. account to your trust account. We are pretty sure that will be on June 18th, but to be safe, we are requesting June 19th.

Peter E. Berlowe, Esq.

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Sent: Monday, June 15, 2020 4:24 PM

To: Peter E. Berlowe < PEB@AssoulineBerlowe.com >

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Ok that's fine.

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From: Peter E. Berlowe < PEB@AssoulineBerlowe.com>

Sent: Monday, June 15, 2020 12:02 PM **To:** Max Meyers <max@maxmeyerslaw.com>

Subject: RE: Fitzgerald/McNae: Draft Settlement Agreement

Max, we should change the pay date to June 18th, given that today is the 15th, and I don't know Mr. Fitzgerald's schedule.

Peter E. Berlowe, Esq.

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Sent: Monday, June 15, 2020 2:05 PM

To: Peter E. Berlowe < PEB@AssoulineBerlowe.com >

Subject: RE: Fitzgerald/McNae: Draft Settlement Agreement

Hi Peter,

The McNae's have accepted your final changes. I accept track changes and inserted my trust account information. I did put Ronda first on signature and initials lines, since her claim is primary. I will have the McNae's sign this final version.

Thank you,

Max Meyers

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From: Peter E. Berlowe < <u>PEB@AssoulineBerlowe.com</u>>

Sent: Friday, June 5, 2020 11:58 AM

To: Max Meyers <max@maxmeyerslaw.com>

Subject: RE: Fitzgerald/McNae: Draft Settlement Agreement

Importance: High

Max:

I accepted most of your edits and changes, but made a few more in the attached draft. I still need you to add in the wiring instructions for your trust account. What I did was accept your changes where I could, and my new additions should show up in light blue.

I am recovering from emergency gallbladder removal surgery, so I may be a little slow to respond.

Sincerely,

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Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 7:59 PM

To: Peter E. Berlowe < PEB@AssoulineBerlowe.com>

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Hi Peter:

Attached is the settlement agreement with some revisions. The changes were made mostly for tax purposes.

Thank you,

Max

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From: Peter E. Berlowe < PEB@AssoulineBerlowe.com>

Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2020 11:32 AM To: Max Meyers < max@maxmeyerslaw.com >

Subject: Fitzgerald/McNae: Draft Settlement Agreement

Max:

Attached please find a first draft of the settlement agreement based upon our email discussions. Please let me know if you have any proposed edits.

Sincerely,

Peter E. Berlowe, Esq.

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Confidential Settlement Agreement

THIS SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT (the "Settlement Agreement" or the "Agreement") is made and entered this 15th day of June 2020, by and among MICHAEL J. FITZGERALD ("Fitzgerald"), RONDA MCNAE ("Ronda") and WILL MCNAE ("Will") with Ronda and Will collectively referred to as the "McNaes," and Fitzgerald, Ronda, and Will collectively referred to as the "Parties";

RECITALS

WHEREAS, Ronda and Will are a married couple;

WHEREAS, Fitzgerald is a single male;

WHEREAS, the McNaes contend that Fitzgerald caused physical injury and mental injury to them in Miami-Dade County, Florida as a result of Fitzgerald's alleged sexual conduct towards Ronda;

WHEREAS, for purposes of avoiding the time and costly expenses associated with litigation, and in the interest of economic expediency, the Parties desire to reach a settlement of all claims between and among themselves; and,

WHEREAS, the parties wish to resolve all disputes between and among them;

NOW THEREFORE in consideration of the mutual covenants and promises contained herein, and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, the Parties agree to be legally bound by the following terms and conditions, which constitute full settlement of any and all disputes between them.

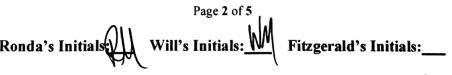
- 1. RECITALS. The Parties acknowledge that the "WHEREAS" clauses preceding paragraph 1 are true and correct, and are incorporated herein as material parts of this Agreement.
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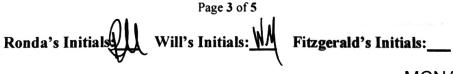
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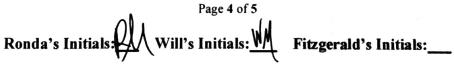
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Will McNae

Michael Fitzgerald Date
Allan D. Lederman, Trustee

Ronda M

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Max Meyers

From: Peter E. Berlowe < PEB@AssoulineBerlowe.com>

Sent: Tuesday, June 16, 2020 11:58 AM

To: Max Meyers

Subject: Fitzgerald/McNae: Fully Executed Settlement Agreement

Attachments: Fully Executed Settlement Agreement - Final - Executed by All Parties (00293814xA4579).pdf

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Attached please find the fully executed settlement agreement, executed by all parties. The settlement funds should hit your trust account by June 19th.

Sincerely,

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Confidential Settlement Agreement

THIS SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT (the "Settlement Agreement" or the "Agreement") is made and entered this 15th day of June 2020, by and among MICHAEL J. FITZGERALD ("Fitzgerald"), RONDA MCNAE ("Ronda") and WILL MCNAE ("Will") with Ronda and Will collectively referred to as the "McNaes," and Fitzgerald, Ronda, and Will collectively referred to as the "Parties";

RECITALS

WHEREAS, Ronda and Will are a married couple;

WHEREAS, Fitzgerald is a single male;

WHEREAS, the McNaes contend that Fitzgerald caused physical injury and mental injury to them in Miami-Dade County, Florida as a result of Fitzgerald's alleged sexual conduct towards Ronda;

WHEREAS, for purposes of avoiding the time and costly expenses associated with litigation, and in the interest of economic expediency, the Parties desire to reach a settlement of all claims between and among themselves; and,

WHEREAS, the parties wish to resolve all disputes between and among them;

NOW THEREFORE in consideration of the mutual covenants and promises contained herein, and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, the Parties agree to be legally bound by the following terms and conditions, which constitute full settlement of any and all disputes between them.

- 1. RECITALS. The Parties acknowledge that the "WHEREAS" clauses preceding paragraph 1 are true and correct, and are incorporated herein as material parts of this Agreement.
- 2. NO ADMISSION OF LIABILITY. The Parties agree to amicably settle all disputes between and among them. The Parties understand that this Agreement is in full and complete compromise of all disputed claims, both as to questions of liability and damages, including any claims for punitive damages, without an admission of liability or any wrongdoing by any of the Parties, any such liability or wrongdoing being expressly denied by each of the Parties.
- 3. **CONSIDERATION.** In consideration of the execution of this Agreement and the promises herein contained, the Parties agree to the following:
- A. <u>Payment of Settlement Funds</u>. On or before June 19, 2020, Fitzgerald agrees to remit payment in the amount of Ninety-Seven Thousand Dollars and 00/100 cents (\$97,000.00) to Ronda McNae and remit payment in the amount of Ten Thousand Dollars and 00/100 cents to Will McNae (collectively the "Settlement Funds"). The Settlement Funds to

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Ronda McNae are paid in consideration of the physical and mental injuries she claims, and the settlement funds to Will McNae are in consideration of his loss of consortium claims due to the physical and mental injuries suffered by his wife Ronda. The Settlement Funds shall be remitted by wire to the Max Meyers Law PLLC Trust Account with the following wiring instructions:

MAX MEYERS LAW PLLC IOLTA TRUST ACCOUNT WIRE INTRUCTIONS. Banner Bank - ABA Routing #323371076 and Account #5000365818

- **4. NON-MONETARY TERMS.** The Parties agree to the following non-monetary terms:
- A. The McNaes shall remove any prior or current internet posts that reference Fitzgerald by name. The McNaes may speak or write generically about their life events, but in speaking or writing about their life events, the McNaes cannot refer to Fitzgerald's name, likeness, being, nationality, country of citizenship, location of residence, employer, job function, job title, profession, or reference to dates, locations, or other persons present. For instance, Ronda cannot name six people at an event, plus and unnamed person, so that the six people will know who the unnamed person is by process of elimination. Thus, it shall be a breach of this Agreement for the McNaes to indirectly refer to Fitzgerald in a way the McNaes could not do directly.
- B. The McNaes shall not contact Fitzgerald's employer. If Mr. Fitzgerald's employer contacts either of the McNaes, the McNaes shall respond, "the matter has been resolved and I cannot speak any more about it," or words to that effect.
- C. Notwithstanding the confidentiality provision in Section 16, below, the Parties may continue discuss the matter with their respective mental health professionals, but will advise the mental health professionals of this existence of this Agreement and those mental health professionals must follow this Agreement, as well.
- D. The Parties agree to minimize contact upon execution of this Agreement, and they agree to limit such contact as to be only such contact necessary to enforce the terms of this Agreement, with such contact preferably being by the Parties' respective attorneys.
- 5. REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES. In making and executing this Agreement, the Parties represent, warrant and agree as follows:
 - A. The Parties have had an opportunity to seek independent legal advice with respect to their rights and asserted rights arising out of the matters in controversy and with respect to the advisability of executing this Agreement.
 - B. The Parties have made such investigation of all matters pertaining to this Agreement as they deem necessary, and do not rely on any statement, promise or representation by the other Parties hereto with respect to this matter.
- 6. NO CHALLENGE TO SETTLEMENT. The Parties agree that they will take no action, including, but not limited to the institution of a lawsuit or administrative claim, to

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challenge any provision of this Agreement or regarding the original matter in controversy.

- 7. NO ADMISSION. Neither the negotiation nor the execution of this Agreement, nor any of its provisions, are to be construed as an admission by any of the Parties hereto, nor by their respective attorneys, or trustee regarding the truth of any matter alleged relating to the matter of controversy.
- 8. INTEGRATION. This Agreement constitutes a single, integrated written contract expressing the entire Agreement between the parties. There are no other Agreements, written or oral, expressed or implied, between the parties, except as set forth in this Agreement.
- 9. SEVERABILITY. Should any part, term or provision of this Agreement be decided by the courts to be illegal, unenforceable or in conflict with any state or federal law or any other applicable law, the validity and enforceability of the remaining portions of this Agreement shall not be affected thereby.
- 10. DOCUMENT PREPARATION. If it becomes necessary for any reason to construe this Agreement as permitted by the Rules of Evidence of the State of Florida, this Agreement will be construed as being jointly prepared and written. The Parties agree that the terms and conditions contained herein have been negotiated, renegotiated and considered several times by the parties. The fact that one party or the other prepared the actual final draft of this Agreement shall not be construed as having created any ambiguity. Should it become reasonably necessary for the parties to prepare additional documents to carry out the intent of this Agreement, each Party agrees to cooperate in the preparation, execution and delivery of same.
- 11. BINDING EFFECT. This Agreement shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the parties, and their respective successors, heirs, personal representatives and assigns.
- 12. NO WAIVER. No waiver of any breach of any term or provision of this Agreement shall be construed to be, nor shall be, a waiver of any other breach of this Agreement. No waiver shall be binding unless in writing and signed by the party waiving the breach.
- behalf and on the behalf of any heirs, assigns, beneficiaries, past or future affiliates, shareholders, parents or subsidiaries, attorneys, sureties or insurers, employees, officers, directors, agents, trustees, and any other person or entity bearing a legal relationship as a predecessor or successor in interest and anyone claiming any rights derived from any of them, forever release, discharge, and hold each other and each other's past, present or future affiliates, shareholders, parents or subsidiaries, attorneys, sureties or insurers, employees, officers, directors, agents, and any entity bearing a legal relationship as predecessor or successor in interest, harmless of, and from, any all claims, causes of action, suits, debts, agreements, promises, demands, liabilities, contractual rights and/or obligations, or claims arising in tort, or of whatever nature, in law or in equity, arising out of, or related to, the direct claims asserted and any other claims that could be asserted, any counterclaims, any third-party claims, and any claims to attorneys' fees and cost, whether or not the claim was raised, or could have been raised. The Parties agree that this Release is not intended as an admission of any wrongdoing or liability on the part of any Party, and that this Release is not

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admissible as evidence in any proceeding as an admission of liability. The Parties warrant that they have not made any assignment of any right, claim, or cause of action covered by this Release to any other person, corporation or other legal entity.

- 14. GOVERNING LAW. This Agreement shall be deemed to be made and entered into in the State of Florida, and shall in all respects be interpreted, enforced and governed under the laws of Florida, without giving effect to the conflict of laws principals of Florida law. The Parties agree that venue for any litigation brought to enforce this Agreement shall lie exclusively in any court of competent jurisdiction in Miami-Dade County, Florida.
- 15. EXECUTION. This Agreement may be made effective by means of facsimile signatures executed on several identical counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, but all of which together shall constitute one and the same instrument.
- disclose, communicate, disseminate and/or publicize, or cause or permit to be disclosed, communicated, disseminated or publicized the existence of or terms and conditions of this Agreement to any person, business, organization, corporation, association, governmental agency, except as follows: (1) to the extent necessary to report income to appropriate taxing authorities; (2) to their respective attorneys and accountants; (3) in response to requirements of law or a subpoena issued by a state or federal court or governmental agency, provided, however, that notice of receipt of such judicial order or subpoena immediately be communicated to counsel for the opposing party telephonically. The McNaes further acknowledge and agree that this provision is a material inducement to the Fitzgerald's agreement to pay the Settlement Funds. Therefore, the McNaes agree and acknowledge that any violation of this section or disclosure of any of the terms of the Settlement Agreement beyond the exceptions identified above in this section shall constitute a material breach of this Agreement.
- 17. NON-DISPARAGEMENT. The Parties agree that they will not disparage each other, by written or oral word, gesture, or any other means, nor will they make any disparaging or negative comments about each other, to any person or entity.
- 18. NO FURTHER OBLIGATIONS. The Parties agree that, aside from the obligations set forth in this Agreement, no party owes any other party any monies or benefits.
- 19. BINDING NATURE OF AGREEMENT. This Agreement shall be binding upon each of the Parties and upon their respective heirs, administrators, representatives, executors, successors and assigns, and shall inure to the benefit and/or detriment of each party and to their respective heirs, administrators, representatives, executors, successors and assigns.
- **20. MODIFICATION OF AGREEMENT.** This Agreement may be amended, revoked, changed, or modified only upon written agreement executed by all Parties. No waiver of any provision of this Agreement will be valid unless it is in writing and signed by the party against whom such waiver is charged.
- 21. SELECTIVE ENFORCEMENT. The Parties agree that the failure of any party to enforce or exercise any right, condition, term or provision of this Agreement shall not be

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construed as or deemed to be a waiver or relinquishment thereof, and the same shall continue in full force and effect.

- 22. ENTIRE AGREEMENT. This Agreement sets forth the entire agreement between the Parties hereto, and fully supersedes any and all prior agreements or understandings between the Parties hereto pertaining to the subject matter hereof.
- 23. ATTORNEYS' FEES. In connection with any litigation arising out of this Agreement or in any way related to this Agreement, the prevailing party shall be entitled to recover all costs incurred including, but not limited to, its reasonable attorneys' fees at any level (trial, appeal, bankruptcy, administrative), including fees spent in litigation over entitlement or amount of such fees.
- 24. HEADINGS. The headings of the provisions herein are intended for convenient reference only, and the same shall not be, nor be deemed to be, interpretative of the contents of such provision.
- 25. COUNTERPARTS AND FACSIMILE SIGNATURES. This Agreement may be executed in two or more counterparts, each of which may be considered an original, and all of which together shall constitute one and the same document. Facsimile or scanned copies of signature pages shall be treated as original signature pages.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Agreement has been executed by the Parties as of the Effective Date.

Will McNae

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Michael Fitzgerald Date

Allan D. Lederman, Trustee

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